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LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF DOMESTIC RETAILERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has given some suggestions to deal with the competition generated by foreign retailers and to protect the interest of domestic retailers;

(b) if so, the details of the said suggestions; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c) : Although Planning Commission has indicated that competition generated by foreign retailers may not adversely impact domestic retailers, Government has permitted FDI upto 51% with prior Government approval only in the retail trade of "Single Brand" products notified vide Press note no. 3 (2006) on February 10, 2006. Government is committed to protecting the interests of domestic retailers.